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As the court turns ... Happy Anniversary to the Gaggi trial, now starting its second year in Manhattan Federal Court.

The murder and racketeering trial of six accused mob killers and three alleged associates began Feb. 22, last year. Since then, lead defendant Anthony (Nino) Gaggi has died, three jurors have been excused and one defendant gave birth. Joseph Testa, Anthony Senter, Ronald Ustica, Douglas Rega, Salvatore Mangialino and Carlo Proietta are charged with committing 21 murders between 1975 and 1982. Judith Hellman, the proud mom; hubby, Wayne, and grandpa, Sol Hellman, are accused of jury tampering in a 1980 murder case at which Judith was a juror and Gaggi was acquitted.



Anthony (Nino) Gaggi

The jury is expected to get the case next month. Finally.

Gotti-plot trial put off

Opening arguments in the Newark federal trial of six New Jersey men charged with plotting to kill John Gotti were delayed yesterday after two members of the anonymous jury were excused for personal reasons.

Judge Maryanne Trump Barry said one juror said his wife was sick. The other told the court her employer would not pay her.

Replacement jurors underwent screening but Barry adjourned proceedings after the pool was exhausted. Screening will resume today.

—David Hardy